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: EARLY SUPPRESSION FAST RESPONSE FIRE PROTECTION SPRINKLER

Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

## **RESPONSE**

In response to the action mailed February 11, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, line 8, change "pending" to --abandoned--.

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 1, as follows:

--1. (Amended) An early suppression fast response pendent-type fire protection sprinkler suitable for use in accordance with one or more of NFPA 13, NFPA 231 and NFPA 231C, to protect single row rack storage, double row rack storage and multiple row rack storage having a maximum storage height of 25 feet in a storage area having a maximum ceiling height of 30 feet, with no open containers and no solid shelves, said sprinkler having a K-factor of about 25 and a minimum design flowing pressure of about 15 pounds per square inch at the most remote sprinkler.--

Please add the following new claims:

--22. (New) An early suppression fast response pendent-type fire protection sprinkler suitable for use in accordance with one or more of NFPA 13, NFPA 231 and NFPA 231C, to protect single row rack storage, double row rack storage and multiple row rack storage having a

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